

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, Paragraph 6:

In order to achieve the above object, a female screw mechanism according to the present invention is designed so that an insert is attached to a female screw of a component (a component having a female screw is hereinafter referred to as component). The diameter of at least one turn at one end of the insert on the side for the insertion of a male screw into the insert is smaller than the diameter of the male screw so as to adhere to the male screw and generate a loosening prevention force, the diameter of the remaining part of the insert is larger than the diameter of the male screw.

The other end of the insert is fixed to a part of the component.

On Page 3, Paragraph 9:

The diameters of other parts of the insert 30 ~~may be a little smaller or is~~ greater than that of the male screw 40.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Due to substantial amendments, a new Abstract of the Disclosure in clean text form without markings is filed herewith and submitted on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72). Please cancel the previous abstract.